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JOIN US FOR CORDOVA'S OLD TIME DOWNTOWN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Cordova Chamber of Commerce organizing annual Independence Day celebration

CORDOVA ALASKA, June 25, 2018 – The Cordova Chamber of Commerce with support from local businesses and volunteers is pleased to announce that the annual Cordova Old Time Downtown 4th of July will be held Wednesday, July 4 starting at 10:00am on Main Street (First Street).

Join in the Independence Day fun. Festivities will begin at 10:00am with the Kelp Box Derby, dubbed "Alaska's Premiere Gravity Racing Event" by race coordinator Kelley Weaverling. The derby features community-built downhill racers, and drivers can register at cordovachamber.com/driver. Check-in for the race takes place at 9:30am at the top of First Street.

The Chamber is excited to announce the return of the popular crosscut competition in partnership with the Chugach National Forest, Cordova Ranger District. Two-person teams will work together to saw rounds from a log, with bragging rights going to the fastest teams. The competition is open to all and starts at 11am.

A group of volunteers lead by Girl Scouts troop #825 is coordinating children's games, also starting at 11am. All children aged 2 and up are invited to come participate with a parent or caregiver. They will also be operating the dunk tank, with dunking donations supporting the activity of the troop.

Musician Annie Carlson will perform the national anthem with colors presented by a color guard from USCGC Sycamore at approximately 11:45am. At noon, we will begin serving our community BBQ featuring Prince William Sound salmon along with burgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings. Salmon donated by our local processors. Then join us for a community square dance led by Belle Mickelson and a dessert social provided by Cordova's local churches and community organizations. Afterwards, chip in to help pick up chairs and tables after the event like a true Cordovan; many hands make light work!

This event could not be possible without community support. The Cordova Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations from local businesses and is seeking volunteers. To sign up to help set up the big tent at 5pm July 3rd, set up tables and chairs at 9am July 4th, or take down the tent after the festivities on the 4th, contact Bryan Mills at the Chamber at 424-7260 or email programs@cordovachamber.com. If you'd be willing to help serve food or make a side dish or salad, contact Barb Jewell at 429-3925. To contribute a dessert, contact Diane Cobb at 424-7290.

As always, this event is completely free to the community, supported by local businesses and volunteers, and is brought to you by Cordova Chamber of Commerce. View the latest details for the event and see the growing list of supporters and partner organizations by visiting cordovachamber.com/flag.

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